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Council President Hueso to Participate in Operation Safe Crossing

SAN DIEGO –Council President Ben Hueso will participate in Operation Safe Crossing (OSC) at 10 p.m. on Saturday, March 28' 2009 at the southbound point of entry to Mexico.

Operation Safe Crossing is designed to enforce curfew laws and prevent minors from entering Mexico without written consent from a parent or guardian. This cooperative

SDPD Southern Division \ along with several other law enforcement agencies from the southern region, as well as the Navy and Marines. What's really unique about this OSC is that the National City and Chula Vista Police departments will also gather at the border and nearby to enforce curfew laws and prevent minors from entering Mexico without written consent from a parent or legal guardian. SDPD's Juvenile Service division will be detaining minors who will be kept in custody until their parent(s) or legal guardian arrives to pick them up. There will also be DUI checkpoints and saturation patrols in the early morning hours as people return back from a night of partying in TJ. We have also invited community partners and youth to participate as spokespersons and to help call the parents of detained youth. As you know, it's Spring Break, and there's also a big concert that night at a popular Tijuana club, so we're expecting quite a bit of youth/partiers to turn out.

Following is a list of the agencies that will be participating:
SDPD: Border Crime Suppression Team (BCST), Juvenile Services
County Probation Gang Suppression Unit (GSU) Team
National City Police Department
Chula Vista Police Department
Federal Protection Service Police Department
Commander Navy Region Southwest Border Shore Patrol Unit
South Bay Youth 4 Change

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